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For: METHODS OF CHARACTERI-  
ZING DRUG ACTIVITIES USING  
CONSENSUS PROFILES

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to MPEP section 713.04, Applicants submit the following statement of the substance of a telephonic interview held on July 25, 2003 between Primary Examiner Ardin Marschel and Applicants' representative Weining Wang (on behalf of Adriane M. Antler) in connection with the above-identified application.

Examiner Marschel informed Applicants' representative Weining Wang that the Supplemental Amendment filed on July 24, 2003 had been considered and entered, and that the Supplemental Amendment had overcome the rejections and objections in the Advisory Action mailed on June 10, 2003. As such, the Notice of Appeal filed on December 27, 2002 has been dismissed. No further action by Applicants was necessary at this time in order to keep the application pending at this time. Examiner Marschel also stated that he was considering whether a rejection of claims 14, 22, 47, 61, 92 and 119 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 16-19 of U.S. Patent 6,203,987 was warranted.

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Applicants respectfully request that the above statement be made of record in the above-identified application.

Date: August 25, 2003

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